

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 183

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A RESOLUTION proposing amendment of Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to authorize a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for judges of the appellate courts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that the Constitution of Tennessee be amended:

By adding the following sentence at the end Section 3 of Article VI:

As an alternative to contested elections, the Legislature is authorized to establish, by law, a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for the judges of the Supreme Court and for the judges of the intermediate appellate courts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate deliver copies of this resolution to the secretary of state.